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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re: Application of:**

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**Examiner: Ernest G. Therborn**

**NOVEL COLLECTION SYSTEM  
FOR CHROMATOGRAPHIC  
SYSTEM**

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Mr. Therborn:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 10, 2004, Applicants elect claims 1-31 without traverse.

In response to the election of species requirement, should the independent claim not be allowed, Applicants elect carbon dioxide with traverse. Applicants respectfully disagree with Examiner's assertion that each species is patentably distinct. The scope of the invention allows for the use of any compressed fluid in the method. The method will be the same regardless, which is why reference to a compressed fluid was not made in the independent claim. The list of solvents presented is merely illustrative in nature. Other compressed fluids can also be used to practice the invention. Therefore, Applicants assert that the species are not patentably distinct.

Respectfully submitted,

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